

PREPARES RECONSTRUCT PENSION MUTUAL

Insurance Promoter Expects to Rehabilitate Concern in 10 Days

CARELESS OF PUBLICITY

Refuses to Disclose Way by Which He Hopes to Put Company on Firm Basis

London D. Wood, insurance promoter, known among Pittsburgh millionaires as the "Insurance Wizard of America," and who rose from a farm boy to the presidency of the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., for which a receiver has been asked, today begins his battle of rebuilding his company, whose deficit amounts to \$1,198,422.60.

That by what method Wood hopes to put his company on a solid basis is a matter which he has refused to disclose. He predicted, however, that he hoped to accomplish what he has set out to do within the next ten days. The hearing on the application for a receiver for the company will be heard November 27, in the courts at Harrisburg, Pa.

"I haven't been battered down by the unpleasant publicity given to me," said Wood, as he paced up and down his office in the Consolidated Investment Company, on the eighth floor of the same building, where also are the offices of his life insurance company. It was through the Consolidated Investment Company that Wood had hoped to bring about the consolidation of seventy-eight insurance companies.

NO FEAR OF DISCLOSURES "I have no fear of what the insurance examiners may disclose," he continued. "And the insurance Department won't be able to say that I ever spent the company's money in elaborate lunches or fine cigars or regular meetings. Yes, the directors were always supplied with cigars before and after our meetings, but I was the one who paid the bill with my own money."

"How do you expect to wipe out the deficit of \$1,198,422.60?" "Ah—that is something which concerns me and not the insurance Department. I am sure of the fighting European nations who don't give publicity to their coming attacks."

"And when do you believe that you will accomplish your task?" "In about ten days."

"Are you receiving financial aid from friends or other persons?" "That is a matter which concerns me. But I want to impress upon the policyholders of my company that they won't lose anything. They are secured by the reserve fund of the company. This fund has more than \$400,000."

"Why is Charles E. Fritch, treasurer of your company, called your 'Man Friday'?" "I am glad that he is my 'Man Friday.' I presume that he was given that title because of his faithfulness to me and to the company."

Since the disclosures of Wood's company become known, he says that he has received many letters and telegrams from different parts of the country. Most of the telegrams read: "Can we help you?"

Life-Attorney General John C. Bell, who in general consents to the Pension Mutual Life Insurance Company, today refused to discuss the persistent report that back of the present probe into the tangled affairs of the company the fight existing between the Brumbaugh-Smith-Vare group and the Penrose-McNichol wing of the Republican Organization of Pennsylvania.

In insurance circles there were talk and suggestions relating to making more stringent insurance laws in Pennsylvania along the line of laws now in force in the State of New York governing the nature of investments. These laws were passed after the sensational disclosures made in the famous investigations of New York insurance companies which were conducted by a senatorial committee for which Charles Evans Hughes acted as chief inquirer.

TEUTONS PENETRATE RUSSIAN TRENCHES ON THE NARAYUKVA; BEAT OFF COUNTER-ATTACKS

BERLIN, Nov. 11.—A new Teuton success in Galicia was announced by the War Office this afternoon. German troops penetrated the Russian position on the Narayukva River, where violent battles have been raging for months without either side recording substantial successes.

Five stubborn counter-attacks launched during the night by the Russians were beaten off, the official report said. Attempts by the Slavs to recapture the positions near Skrobova, taken by the Teutons yesterday, were equally futile.

GERMANS EXPRESS SURPRISE OVER RE-ELECTION OF WILSON Newspapers See Fundamental Desire Here for Peace

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 11.—Great surprise is expressed in German newspapers received here over the re-election of President Wilson. Where there was doubt expressed in previous editions that the President again had been chosen, all now accept his re-election as a matter of fact.

The Cologne Gazette editorially said: "The only fundamental desire of the Allies is peace. They proceeded a victory. With Wilson remaining President our relations with America will continue unchanged."

The Cologne Volks-Zeitung said: "President Wilson's re-election strengthens our confidence that the United States will remain neutral."

Break With Norway Threatened BERLIN, Nov. 11.—The Lokal Anzeiger, in a leader regarding the hourly expected Norwegian answer to Germany's protest against Norway's attitude toward submarine warfare, declared that Norway would be forced to alter its position if Germany were forced to ignore Norway's order to submarines to avoid Norwegian waters.

THE WEATHER Observations at Philadelphia S. A. M.

Table with weather observations: Temperature, Wind, Clouds, etc.

Lamps to Be Lighted 5:30 P. M.

The Tides PORT RICHMOND

CHERRY ISLAND

CADORNA ESTENDE LE SUE LINEE SUL CARSO; IL MALTEMPO PERDURA

Il Generalissimo Italiano Dovra' Appropriate del Primo Periodo di Sereno Per Riprendere la Sua Marcia

IL RECORD D'UN AVIATORE

ROMA, 11 Novembre. Le forze italiane operanti sul Carso, le cui operazioni offensive sono state sospese nella settimana scorsa a causa del cattivo tempo che ha perfino ostacolato le azioni di artiglieria, hanno guadagnato terreno verso le linee austriache difendendo gli approcci settentrionali di Trieste. Il Ministero della Guerra pubblica ieri sera il seguente rapporto del generale Cadorna:

"Nella regione settentrionale del Carso noi abbiamo avanzato, raddrizzando così le nostre linee in alcuni punti e prendendo una trentina di prigionieri. Si ritiene in questi circoli militari che, se il bel tempo tornerà sul Carso, anche soltanto per qualche settimana, il generale Cadorna riprenderà la sua offensiva cercando di sminuire il più vicino possibile alla sua meta di Trieste. Sul Carso il mal tempo impedisce ogni operazione, ma si crede che con il principio dell'inverno le piogge cesseranno, o almeno non saranno così intense e frequenti come quelle di autunno. Nondimeno l'inverno renderà più intenso il freddo e più intollerabile la lotta che già ora soffrono le truppe."

Un ufficiale aviatore italiano ha superato il record mondiale per l'altezza che era tenuto dall'inglese Harry G. Hawker. Questi era giunto col suo aeroplano all'altezza di 23,500 piedi.

Leri l'altro nel campo aviatore di Mirafiori il tenente aviatore Guido Innao con la sua macchina e raggiunse l'altezza di 23,500 piedi. Il record precedente era di 23,000 piedi, ottenuto da un altro aviatore italiano, Egli rimase in aria per un'ora e cinquanta minuti, e quando discese i suoi strumenti furono verificati ufficialmente dal comandante italiano del campo di aviazione e dai rappresentanti dell'Automobile Club Italiano.

Quando il tenente Gudi giunse all'altezza di 23,500 piedi il termometro dell'aeroplano indicava ad 83 gradi sotto zero.

Sembra che il destino di escludere ogni candidato austro-tedesco dal prossimo congresso di dimostrazione speciale predilezione per la chiesa francese. Tre candidati infatti saranno creati: un francese, un austro-tedesco e un italiano.

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GERMANY'S THREAT; A BRITISH VIEW



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FLOUNDERING FRITZ: IF YOU DON'T PULL ME OUT I'LL PULL YOU IN

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TWO FIRE LADDIES TO GET MEDALS IN BIG PARADE TODAY

Annual March of Policemen and Firemen to Have Novel Feature

NAMES KEPT SECRET

WHENEVER either of the two firemen honored today by the presentation of medals for bravery figures in the news during the next year his name will be printed in the Evening Ledger in capital letters and beside the name in parentheses will be the words "honor medalist."

The men who protect us day and night, who risk their lives for the preservation of human life and the law, will parade on Broad street today before admiring thousands. Officially speaking, it is the parade of the Police and Fire Department. In the ranks of the marching heroes will be seen the cops who caught the man who robbed your house, and perhaps the brave fire laddie who carried your little girl to safety when death seemed inevitable.

The names of these men are being kept secret. In fact, the men themselves do not know that they have been singled out by Chief Engineer William S. Murphy.

When the members of the Fire Department reach the official reviewing stand on Broad street above Walnut they will form a square. Chief Murphy will then announce the names of the brave fire laddies, and they will step to the center of the square.

In the presence of the Mayor, city officials and prominent citizens the medals will be pinned on them by Director Wilson. These medals are donated by J. J. Ameron and Daniel Baugh, who believe that no heroes are more worthy of recognition than the fire fighters.

The parade will form at Broad and Reed streets. Led by superintendent Robinson, the city's protectors will march north on Broad street, swing around the east side of City Hall and proceed to Oxford street, where they will disband. The only halt will be made before the reviewing stand for the honors to the firemen.

The aides to Superintendent Robinson will be Chief Clerk Walter Gilbert, Drill Master Henry Groff and Lieutenant William Leary.

The various police divisions will be led by the following captains: First Division—Captain David McCaugh; Second Division—Captain Nicholas Gully; Third Division—Captain William J. McFadden; Fourth Division—Captain Francis McGee; Sixth Division—Captain William H. Miller.

In the last-mentioned division will be the reserves, the mounted police and the motorcycle squad. The police surgeons and the patrol wagons will conclude this division of the parade.

The Fire Department will be led by Chief Engineer William S. Murphy. His aids will be Assistant Chief Engineer Ross Davis and six firemen who have been awarded honor medals for bravery. In the line of march there will be about five hundred men, fifty-eight companies and nearly two hundred pieces of apparatus showing the evolution of the department.

John S. Applegate, Lawyer, Dies RED BANK, N. J., Nov. 11.—John Stillwell Applegate, author, lawyer and civic leader, died here in his eightieth year. He was graduated from Colgate in 1882, studied law with William L. Dayton, and since 1885 was a commissioner of the Superior Court. From 1882 until 1885 he was a member of the New Jersey Senate. He was long active in corporation enterprises and a member of the Society of the Sons of the Revolution and numerous other organizations.

WOMAN RECLUSE DIES IN FIRE Oil Stove Sets Clothing Ablaze in Broad Street Home—Purse Containing \$250 Found by Cop

Sophia Keller, a seventy-eight-year-old recluse, said to have been well-to-do, was burned to death today in her room on the second floor of 231 Broad street, when an old-fashioned oil stove flared up and set fire to her dress.

Smoke from the flames that led to the discovery of the fatality aroused Leo Molise, on the third floor, and attracted Policeman Brady, of the Third street and Fairmount streets, who broke open the door. The body was taken to Roosevelt Hospital. Firemen put out the fire.

A purse containing \$250, belonging to the recluse, was found in the street in front of the house by Sergeant Murphy, who began a search for money that it had been possessed by the woman. She had lived in the neighborhood for years, but had no relatives, so far as is known.

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RELIGIOUS BREVITIES

A consecration service for a baptismal font, presented to the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church by Mrs. Robert Morgan, will be held in the church tomorrow morning.

The St. Francis will meet tomorrow afternoon in the assembly room of Adah Jeshurun Synagogue, Broad and Diamond streets. Dr. J. Marcus Frank will deliver an address.

Dr. Thomas Edwin Edrington will speak on "Tobacco as the Right of the Nation" tomorrow night in the Third Baptist Church.

Direct Bible study classes are making ready for the memorial service to be held in the church tomorrow morning. The Rev. J. J. Edrington will lead the classes in the church.

The one hundred and forty-seventh anniversary of St. George's Methodist Episcopal Church, Fourth street below Vine Church and at night in the Tabernacle Church.

The autumn meeting of the Northwest Baptist Social Union of Philadelphia will be held on Tuesday afternoon and evening at the First Baptist Church.

The Rev. James M. Hubbard, D. D., assistant pastor of the Presbyterian Church, Monday will address the Presbyterian ministers Monday evening at "Theological Center," J. J. Burroughs.

"Baby Sunday" will be observed tomorrow morning in the Church of the Holy Jerusalem, Frankford. The Rev. John W. Stockwell, pastor, will preach at both morning and evening services.

Thaddeus Rich, concertmaster of the Philadelphia Orchestra, will be the soloist tomorrow night at the musical service to be held in St. Nicholas Church.

The Rev. Gabriel Farrell, Jr., graduate of the Cambridge Divinity School, will accept the appointment as assistant to the rector, the Rev. David M. Steele, of the Church of St. Luke and the Epiphany. He was for the last year curate in Calvary Church, Pittsburgh.

The first annual fall rally under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. will be held Monday night at the Y. M. C. A. building, 1015 N. E. 2nd street and Lehigh avenue. The Rev. S. P. Farver Cadman, D. D., will preside at the meeting.

The Rev. Daniel E. Weigle, pastor of the Friends Church, will preach tomorrow night on "The Burial Question."

The Rev. Dr. J. Gray Bolton, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, will preach tomorrow morning on "The Home and the Child." For "Mackintosh" see "The Home and the Child" in "The Burial Question."

Selections from the oratorio of "Elijah" will be given tomorrow night at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Apostles.

Owen E. Lovjoy will speak on "Child Labor—A Prescription and a Cure" tomorrow afternoon at the Broad Street Theater, under the auspices of the Socialist Literary Society.

S. D. Gordon will discuss "The Wage of Sin" at the Sunday night meeting of the Lemon Hill Association at the Garrick Theater.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES Baptist

BAPTIST TEMPLE, Broad and Berks sts. RUSSELL H. CONWELL, will preach 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. ELBA LYONS COOK will assist the chorus in the evening service.

CLARENCE REYNOLDS, director. VINTHORN WELLSOME.

CRESTNUT STREET BAPTIST CHURCH Chestnut st. west of 40th. GEORGE D. ADAMS, D. D., Pastor. 10:30 a. m.—Worship and Sermon by Pastor. 2:30 p. m.—Bible School. 7:30 p. m.—Worship and Sermon by Pastor. S. D. GORDON, Organist. INSTRUMENTAL, MUSICAL, PROGRAM CORNET, VIOLIN AND PIANO

FIRST CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (Dunkers), Chestnut and Arch sts. Preaching 10:30 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. Sunday School, 10:30 a. m. Prayer Meeting each Wednesday evening.

Lemon Hill Association "THE WAGES OF SIN" S. D. GORDON, Garrick Theater, 7:30 p. m. Everybody welcome.

TRANSFER OF PRIESTS

Many Changes in Archdiocesan Assignments Are Announced

The following Catholic clerical transfers and appointments have been announced: The Rev. Michael J. McMorris, S. T. L., assistant pastor of the Church of the Presentation, B. V. M., Cheltenham, rector.

The Rev. Charles B. Harrigan, rector, assistant at the above mentioned church, to the Church of the Maternity, B. V. M., Bustleton.

The Rev. Anthony Orlando, from Bustleton to Cheltenham. The Rev. Stephen P. Dever, D. D., from St. Edmond's to the Nativity, B. V. M., this city.

The Rev. Eugene Travers, from St. Mark's, Bristol, to St. Edmond's, this city. The Rev. Anthony Flynn, to the Church of Our Mother of Sorrows, pro tem.

The Rev. Francis J. Cheltenham, Ph. D., from St. Vincent's, Girardville, to St. Joseph's, Mahanoy City, pro tem. The Rev. H. Valatia, from St. Joseph's, Mahanoy City, to St. Vincent's, Girardville, pro tem.

The Rev. Joseph Restuto, to the Church of St. Peter and Paul, Tamaqua, pro tem.

The following Augustinian transfers were announced: The Rev. H. T. Conway, O. S. A., from St. Lawrence's Church, Lawrence, Mass., to St. Augustine's, this city; to the Rev. John P. Whelan, O. S. A., from Villanova to the above address; the Rev. Charles A. Branton, O. S. A., of Waterford, N. Y., has been assigned to the mission band of this city, and the Rev. J. A. Dabinsky, O. S. A., of this city, goes to Waterford.